# Linking St. Leonard's on the Hill

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# **Highlights**

ACW Strawberry Tea and Bake Sale—Saturday, May 3rd 1-3 pm Church Garage Sale – May 8th to 10th Mother's Day—Sunday, May 11th ACW Meeting—Monday, May 12th at 10 am Men's Breakfast-Saturday, May 17th @ 8:30 am

Victoria Day—Monday, May 19th (Office Closed)

Ascension Day Sunday, May 25th

Stewardship Round Table Discussion: Sunday, May 25th after the 10 am Service

Chris's Clergy Retreat—May 27th to May 29th

Vacation Bible School- July 1st to July 5th

#### Usual Sunday Service Times: 10:00 am Eucharist Service (BAS) 7:00-7:30 pm Sunday Contemplativ

7:00-7:30 pm Sunday Contemplative Evening Prayer

9:30 am Morning Prayer—Monday, and Friday by zoom.



9:30 am Wednesday in person

May 2025							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				1 10 am Choir 1:30 pm Aspen Ridge /Inglewood Services	2 9:30 am Morning Prayer by zoom ACW Bake sale drop off 9 am to Noon	3 ACW Strawberry Tea/ Bake Sale 1-3 pm	
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#### **BEHIND THE BEARD**



manifests.

We have examples of beautifying worship spaces in the construction of the Tabernacle (Ex 25-27), in the Temple (1 Kings 6-7), and in churches throughout history. Churches were designed to lift our hearts to God. Beauty has a way of transporting us. To help us recognize that we have entered a special space. Our worship spaces are meant to mirror our devotion. As Christians, we believe that God uses bread and wine to help us receive Christ. God uses water to draw us through baptism into His family. God uses the material world to draw human beings to Himself. As Christians, we believe in incarnation. Our faith isn't just something that happens in our heads. It is something that manifests in the world, and the care and stewardship of our spaces of worship are an example of how our faith

Beautifying our worship space is like Mary pouring costly ointment on the feet of Jesus to express her love and devotion (Jn 12). I remember applying for a chaplaincy position in a hospital in Toronto. Before my interview I went to their chapel to pray. The "chapel" was a part of a hallway that looked like it had been used to store spare beds and chairs. It had a table with a non-specific picture on it. Meaning, it wasn't a picture that would lean towards any particular religion. The ceiling fan also squeaked persistently. That "chapel" showed me how that hospital valued spiritual care. I don't remember much about how that interview went, but I do remember not choosing to do my chaplaincy because of that "chapel".

I also remember being at a deconsecration of a church. It is a sad thing to be a part of. It is what happens when a church is going to sell the building and land for a secular purpose. I remember standing in the sanctuary of that church, that had plywood floors and walls with the screws and nails showing. I know that the parishioners' homes did not look like that. That doesn't mean that all churches have to be extravagant. I remember being in a jungle in Cuba and their church was made from rough hewn logs. There was a space between each log that allowed you to see through into the jungle. They had rough benches to sit on, made from logs cut from the jungle. It was very simple, but that's what their homes looked like too. This was the best they could produce. I think the standard that we aim at is that our churches should be at least as beautiful, at least as maintained, as the average home of those who worship there. That doesn't mean it has to be elaborate. It can be quite simple actually, but I think it is important that it reflects our devotion as a community.

Beautifying our worship space is an act of worship. It is an act of stewardship. And it is an offering of love to God. We have beautified our worship space in a number of ways over the last few years. This is an expression of our devotion to God. Our most recent beautification is our east wall. The stone reminds us of our spiritual ancestors, who have handed the faith on to us, whose wisdom we continue to draw on to help us live our lives as followers of Christ. Lord. Lord, please bless our Sanctuary and use it to draw us to you. Amen.

Peace, Rev. Chris



#### **SHARING SHELVES**

St. Luke's Anglican Church will partner with us in keeping our shelves stocked. Marg Marrett-Julian will be the conduit with Judy Ewart and Joan Williams at St. Luke's as supplies are needed. God's work continues to grow. God Bless you all for your generosity. This has allowed us to maintain the Sharing Shelves Outreach Ministry for over 14 years.

Please check the dates on the food items before you donate to the Sharing Shelves. A lengthy best before date would be appreciated.

Here is a list of much needed items: canned fruit, plain pasta (spaghetti, penne, etc..) pasta sauce, coffee, plain granola bars, peanut butter, fruit cups, paper towel, toilet paper and cleaning products.

We appreciate all your help. Brent and Carol McAllister continue to sort and keep the shelves organized.

Please contact Marg at

403-346-9215, or Krista at the Church Office, if you are able to help. God Bless, and

thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Krista Kusmire and Marg Marrett.

# THE GOSPEL IN MINIATURE: JOHN 3: 16

God: The greatest lover,

So loved: The greatest degree

The world: The greatest company

That He gave: The greatest act

His only begotten Son: The greatest gift

That whosoever: The greatest opportunity

Believeth: The greatest simplicity

In Him: The greatest attraction

Should not perish: The greatest promise

But: The greatest difference

Have: The greatest certainty

Everlasting life: the greatest possession



# THE CLEANING CREW

The Cleaning Crew is **urgently** looking for a few people to help out specifically with cleaning the bathrooms at St. Leonard's. You can chose what day and time works best for you. Please contact Mary McCambley or Ioney Haye if you are interested.

# AN INVITATION TO PRAY

On the last Wednesday evening of May, let's meet to pray. We'll begin with a time of quiet worship music, and wait upon the Lord together. We will then have a time of corporate prayer for our Church, City and Country. afterwards we will break into small groups of three or four and pray for each other to be strengthened and confirmed from the inside out. We will close with the Benediction.

> We will meet at the Church, in the Sanctuary, from 7 to 8:30 pm. All are welcome.



REMEMBER...

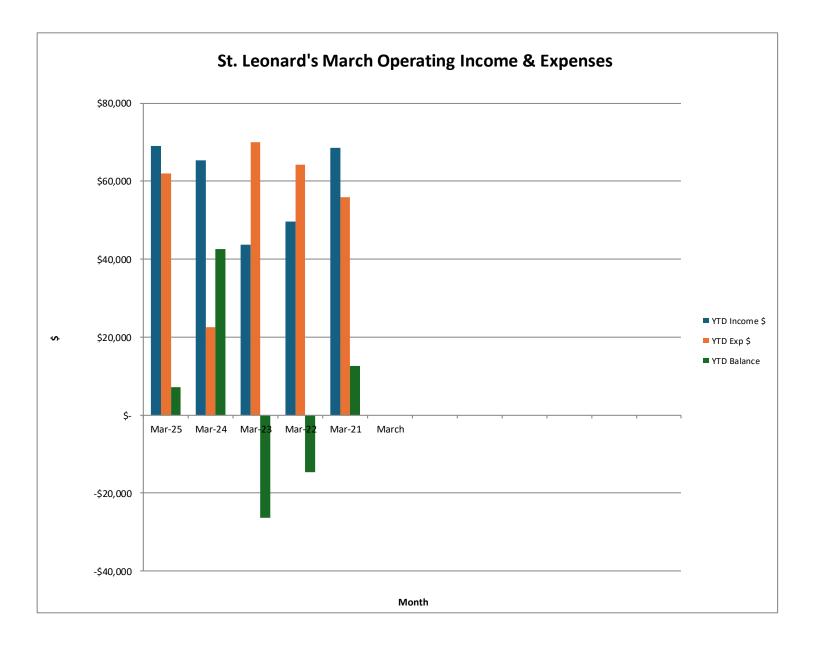
The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.



#### St. Leonard's on the Hill Mission Statement

"The Anglican Church of St. Leonard's on-the-Hill is a Christian Community committed to building a Christ-like family of disciples through worship, prayer, study, fellowship and service".





<u>March YTD</u>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
2025	\$69,094	\$61,925	\$7,169
2024	\$65,266	\$22,607	\$42,659
2023	\$43,663	\$70,033	\$(26,369)
2022	\$49,574	\$64,195	\$(14,620)
2021	\$68,490	\$55,876	\$12,613

#### **Comments:**

Our March 2025 year-to-date income of \$69,094 was \$7,169 above expenses. We are grateful and honored by all who continue to bless us with their gifts. We will continue to be good and faithful Stewards of all donations that are received.

Please don't hesitate to contact myself or Krista if you have any questions regarding our Parish finances.

Marg Marrett-Julian Parish Treasurer

#### Audio/Visual Booth Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to assist in the Audio/Visual Booth. We are looking for 4 more volunteers who are comfortable working with one another. These volunteers would help out in the twice booth once or а Volunteers would be month. trained so that they would feel comfortable in the booth.



Please contact Krista if you are interested in learning how to become an Audio/Visual Volunteer.



#### "<u>BETWEEN FRIENDS"</u> <u>MINISTRY</u>

Are you aware that some small tasks are very difficult or impossible to do for some of our Parish members

either because of mobility limitations or recent surgeries?

We are compiling a list of the names of Parish members who would be willing to perform small tasks, either on a one-time or short-term basis, for another Parish member. (e.g. change higher light bulbs, small sewing needs, vacuuming, moving a heavy chair etc., etc., etc.— the list is long for some of our parishioners). If this Ministry is one you feel called to take part in please give your name to Brenda Clark at 403-346-3021 or clarkwbc@telusplanent.net.

We have been asked to put together a list of recommended tradespeople (ones that you have used and have been satisfied) - eg plumber, electrician, roofer, painter, lawn care /snow removal, housekeeping, hairdresser, furnace repair etc. If you can think of other services you would like to have on the list, please see me after Church.

"BETWEEN FRIENDS"

Sincerely, Brenda Clark

# PASTORAL CARE

It is so important for families to pull together and support each other. It is the same with our St. Leonard's



Church family and this became more apparent during the COVID Pandemic.

St. Leonards has a number of ways of reaching out to each other. Please contact the Office at 403-346-6769 if you are in need of help or if you are aware of any parishioner needing assistance of some kind.

If you are on St. Leonard's Parish List then your name will be connected to someone on Parish Council. This is the Official Parish List not the ACW List or the Men's Breakfast List but the actual Parish List – if you would like to be on this List please contact the Office.

We have a number of other ways of caring for each other:

We have someone who does hospital visiting. If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Office (403-346-6769) or Krista's cell phone number 403-598-7776. That is the only way we can know of this need.

<u>ACW Card Ministry:</u> If you know of someone who could use a little boost of caring please contact the Office and this Ministry will send out an appropriate card (Thinking of you. Glad you're feeling better, or a sympathy card).

<u>Pastoral Care Team:</u> Along with all of these other caring groups, St. Leonard's does have a Pastoral Care Team. This Group will do home visits to parishioners who, for various reasons, need to be personally contacted. If you are aware of someone needing a bit of extra care, please contact the Office.

Krista will direct the information to the right person (it might even be Chris (and/or Barb) as they are very much part of this Team). And again for various reasons it is not always feasible to actually visit some parishioners so they are sent —"Thinking of you" type cards throughout the year.

Thank you for being part of our caring Church family.

Marg Marrett 403-346-9215 and Margaret Roome 403-347-5500

Every voice matters. Let's use ours to speak love.

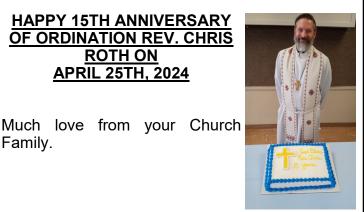
Check us out at St. Leonard's on the Hill Anglican Church.



By Katherine Stano

#### **NEWS FROM THE PEWS**

HAPPY 15TH ANNIVERSARY **OF ORDINATION REV. CHRIS** ROTH ON **APRIL 25TH, 2024** 





Family.

#### HAPPY 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION **REV. BARB BORLE** ON MAY 8TH

Much love from your Church Family.

#### **Grace Elgersma's Ordination**

On Sunday, June 15th, we will be celebrating Grace Elgersma's Ordination into the Priesthood at 4:30 pm at the Cathedral Church in Calgary.

We are hoping to carpool together to Calgary. There will be a sign up sheet in the North Hall for those who can drive and those who need a ride. You can also contact Krista by email: stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com



Rachel Mazzuca is off for her summer placement in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Rachel will be going to Saskatoon in the Fall to the U of S for Hydrology studies. Please pray for her.

#### **Clergy Conference**

Rev Chris will be away from May 27th to 29th for the Diocesan Clergy Conference.





#### **THANK YOU**

To My St. Leonard's Family, I would like to send all my love to everyone. Thank you for the many kindnesses that have been shown to me over the years. As of April 18, I

am temporarily in Long Term Care in Stettler, but hope to return to Red Deer soon. Love to all.

Moira Jackson



#### **Resident Author Carol McAllister**

Carol McAllister and her sister have been working on a children's book. It be launching on Amazon in the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations Carol.

#### **Hillsdown Cross** Dedication

Many thanks to Bob Duce for making the new Cross for St. Paul's Hillsdown. The Cross was dedicated on Sunday, April 27th, 2025.



#### Prayer Ministry at St. Leonard's

The Prayer Chain is looking for people who feel called to pray for those in need. Those praying will pray at home at a time of their choosing. If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Susan Robertson (susn381@gmail.com) or Laura May Doran (ddoran@shaw.ca).

A prayer request can be placed in the Prayer Box at the back of the Church or in the Offertory Plate.



# <u>CONTEMPLATIVE EVENING PRAYER</u> Sunday evenings from 7-7:30pm, which will include a significant amount of silence.



We celebrate Victoria Day on Monday, May 19th. The Church Office will be closed for the holiday.

# Coffee Anyone? (Java Jobs)



The "Java Jobs" Program is back in full swing. "Coffee Makers" and "Clean Up People" are **URGENTLY** needed for the 10:00 am Service. There are people

who will help you learn the prep and clean up process should you decide to sign up.

The Sign-Up Book is by the coffee cups in the North Hall and it is also stored by the microwave in the Kitchen.

Donations of cookies would be greatly appreciated.

#### SCENT FREE CHURCH



#### Our Church is Attempting to be a Scent Free Space and we continue to try to honour this.

We are asking those who are donating Church Altar floral arrangements on

Sunday to refrain from adding lilies. We have several Church family members who react to the scent of lilies. <u>At the same time</u>, please be conscious about shampoo and conditioners, hairsprays, deodorants, colognes and aftershaves fragrances and perfumes,

lotions and creams, potpourri, industrial and household chemicals, soaps cosmetics, air fresheners and deodorizers essential oils, candles, diapers, some types of garbage bags, laundry fragrance enhancers and dryer sheets.

It is important to remember some products which claim to be scent free may have only masked the scent by use of an additional chemical. Be sure to research the product carefully if using scented products around those who are sensitive.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

St. Leonard's Parish Council

#### Newcomers to St. Leonard's

If you are a newcomer to St. Leonard's and would like your name added to the Parish List, please email stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com or call the Office (403-346-6769).



#### **Sidespeople and Greeters**

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☆ Please contact us if you are interested in
☆ participating in these Ministries. We will fill you

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- Remember—many hands make light work.
- Barbara Coltman and Margaret Day



#### **HEARING ASSISTANCE**

Anyone requiring hearing assistance, please request it at the Audio Booth in the back of the Sanctuary.

# <u>"Link" by Email!</u>

If you are interested in receiving the Link by email please advise the Office. Our email address is:

stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com When you receive the "Link" by email, you are able to see the pictures in colour and in greater detail (when colour is available). Thank you for your attention.



Celebrate all who "Mother" on Sunday, May 11th, 2025

#### "GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER"

When the announcement about "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" was made, we wondered if we could have some brave souls take the drive out to our place in the country. So, we threw our hats in the ring and went shopping!

The night of the event, everything was ready. We had some guesses about who it might be, so we waited eagerly for them, hoping they could find their way! When the car pulled up, we were happily surprised! Really, it was so much fun to have Pearl and Bill in our home and to get to know one another more.

Even when you see each other in church every Sunday, it doesn't allow for deeper conversations. It really was a lovely evening! We will definitely be involved again this fall, and really encourage all that can, to step out of our zone of comfort and join in. You will be blessed!

Chris and Heather Grauman





#### ALTAR FLOWERS CALENDAR FOR 2025

There are still a few Sundays available if anyone wishes to provide flowers for the Altar.



Available dates are: June 8th, 15th; July 20th; August 24th,

31st; October 5th, 19th, 26th; November 2nd, 16th, 23rd; December 21st, 28th.

Please see Hilary Boyd for more information.

#### **In Deepest Sympathy**

To Edie and Rob McLaren and Family on the death of Rob's father, Robert.



To Val Warnock and Family on the passing of her mother.

#### LAST OUT??



If you are last out of the Church, please remember to turn off any lights, set the alarm, lock the door and ensure that the door is firmly closed.



#### Men's Breakfast Group



To all the men of the Church, please keep Saturday May 17th at 8:30 am in your calendars as this is when the next Men's Breakfast will be held.

Everyone is welcome! Please let Colin or Randy know if you are planning to attend.

Randy Cole

#### Lesson's In Life #209

Sometimes life seems hard to bear, Full of sorrow, trouble and woe It's then I have to remember That it's in the valleys I grow.

If I always stayed on the mountain top And never experienced pain, I would never appreciate God's love And would be living in vain.

I have so much to learn And my growth is very slow, Sometimes I need the mountain tops, But it's in the valleys I grow.

I do not always understand Why things happen as they do, But I am very sure of one thing. My Lord will see me through.

My little valleys are nothing When I picture Christ on the Cross. He went through the valley of death; His victory was Satan's loss.

Forgive me, Lord, for complaining When I'm feeling so very low. Just give me a gentle reminder That it's in the valleys I grow.

Continue to strengthen me, Lord, And use my life each day To share Your love with others And help them find their way.

Thank You for valleys, Lord, For this one thing I know The mountain tops are glorious But it's in the valleys I grow!



# A.C.W. News



All women who attend St. Leonard's are members of the Organization known as Anglican Church Women (ACW).

ACW is hosting a Spring Tea and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 3rd from, 1-3 pm. Donations of baking, jams, pickles, meat pies, etc. are welcome. They can be dropped off at the Church on Friday from 9 am to Noon. Thank you in advance for your help.

It's a busy time for the entire Church with the Church Garage Sale from May 8th, 9th and 10th. Volunteer time sheets will be at the Church. We will "train" you so don't worry if you are a new volunteer. It's a wonderful way to get to know each other better.

Plans are underway for a Windup Lunch Social on June 3rd, 1-3 pm.

The next ACW Meeting will be May 12th at 10 am in the Church hall.

# Happy Mother's Day

Mom, your love's a gift, a treasure I hold dear, Through every twist and turn, you're always here. You've seen me at my best, you've held me at my worst,

Your unwavering faith, a love that always bursts. You've taught me about kindness, about strength and grace,

To find beauty in the world, to leave a gentle trace. For all the times you listened, for every tear you dried, Happy Mother's Day, Mom, my heart swells with pride.



#### **Readers and Intercessors**

Please contact us if you are interested these Ministries and we will fill you in on the duties. Remember—many hands make light work.

Marney Holmes and Mary McCambley





#### ALONGSIDE HOPE (Primates World Relief and Development Fund)

Alongside Hope partners with local organizations to foster a more holistic and inclusive approach to development and humanitarian efforts. This ensures that projects are effective, sustainable and respectful of the communities and people they aim to assist. Local partners have established relationships of trust within their communities. This trust is essential for effective communication, engagement and successful project implementation. Local partners understand values and sensitivities, which is crucial for ensuring that programs are culturally appropriate and respectful. By involving local partners and community members, they become empowered to take ownership of development initiatives. This participatory approach ensures the voices of community members are heard. Alongside Hope partners with small and large organizations rooted in community, who are faith-based or secular. Our programs focus on: Health Food security and climate change

Empowering women and girls Indigenous communities Disaster Response and Humanitarian Relief Supporting Refugees

#### Stewardship Round Table Discussions

As part of an ongoing effort to delve deeper into the congregation's thoughts on the call for St. Leonard's, the Stewardship Initiative invites one and all to a roundtable discussion held after the Service on Sunday, May 25th, during our coffee fellowship.

This conversation is intended to bring everyone to the table - literally. We'll each get a chance to hear from those who have been a part of the body since it's beginning/all the way to those who've only recently entered into our Church family. This time is meant to uplift one another in our faith, share our experiences in the Church, and witness how the unique gifts of each member can contribute towards the stewardship of the Church. It's a rare opportunity to connect with such a broad range of experiences centered around the same focus. With this in mind, it is with great encouragement that we extend this invitation to you as a valued and essential

member of the Church body.

Giovanni Mazzuca Marg Marrett-Julian



#### PARISH COUNCIL "SNIPPETS"FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2025



- 1. The Diocesan Grant Application for Church maintenance: Siding, Roof, Windows, East Wall has been completed and sent off for the review process.
- "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner" was very successful with 19 participants and 3 hosts.
- 3. The Church Garage sale takes place from May 8th to May 10th. Could we host another Talent Show the Saturday before Advent? Chris has spoken with his dad re booking the Boardwalk for a family event. He plans to have it a Tuesday or Wednesday evening toward the end of June.
- 4. Alec Robertson Capital Reserve Proposal: Rev Chris stated he spoke with Sandra who was honoured to have the Capital Reserve Fund renamed in honour of the many years Alec was the Treasurer and looked after St Leonard's finances so well.
- 5. Stewardship: A congregation meeting was suggested to ask: "What gives you life at St. Leonard's?" The tables would be designated by the number of years people have attended St. Leonard's. Date planned: May 25th after the 10 am Service—Announcement to encourage everyone to attend after coffee to a simple brainstorming/church family meeting.
- 6. Christian Education: Rev. Chris feels he will plan to have a confirmation class next year as there are several children that will be ready. Chris is also hoping to have more parent involvement in the Sunday School.

#### **RED DEER MUSTARD SEED**

The Red Deer Mustard Seed is in need of these donations: Water Bottles; Bottled
Water; Backpacks; Sleeping Bags; Men & Women's Underwear; Socks; Blankets; Spring Coats; Gloves. Hygiene Items: Travel size
Shampoo & Conditioner; Deodorant; Body Soap; toothpaste; Toothbrush; Feminine Hygiene
Products; Individual packs of Tissues; Throat Lozenges.

Also deli meat, canned foods, carrots, celery, cucumbers, oranges, apples, granola bars and other wrapped snacks for The School Lunch program.

There are many opportunities for volunteering. Thank you for your prayers and donations.

Pearl Franz

#### KOREAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



We are blessed to be able to share our space with the Korean Catholic Church.

They meet in the Church Sanctuary once a month on Sunday at 4:30 pm.

#### **Sharing Shelves Reusable Bags**

St. Leonard's has it's own reusable bags that are for sale. Proceeds will go back into the Sharing Shelves Ministry.



If you would like to purchase a bag you can see Carol Mc or Marg M-J. Bags can also be purchased through the Church



#### PRAYER FOR THE POPE

With the passing of Pope Francis, let us pray for the eternal repose of his soul and for the College of Cardinals as they embark on their sacred duty to elect Pope Francis' successor.

#### Memorial for Alec Robertson

On Saturday, June 28th at 1 pm at St. Leonard's Anglican we will hold a Memorial for our Brother in Christ, Alec Robertson. More information will follow.





#### VISITING MUSICIANS

We want to thank all our visiting musicians who have offered their gifts on Sundays and at our Special Services.

They have taken the time to review hymns with Rev. Chris before they play. Some have even offered to come in on Thursday mornings to practice with the Choir. **LEGACY** 

Legacy isn't just part of the fire service — it's the foundation it's built on.

From generation to generation, firefighters carry forward a deep commitment to service, integrity, and community. These values aren't just spoken — they're demonstrated through every shift, every response, and every moment of dedication to the people we serve.

The Robertson family is a shining example of what that legacy looks like in action.

Captain Don Robertson served the community of Hinton, Alberta, with distinction for 30 years and for 10 of those years, he worked side by side with his son Patrick. Patrick went on to continue that legacy here in Red Deer, where he's been a dedicated member of our department for nearly 16 years. Now, the tradition carries on through Patrick's son Tye, who recently joined the team and proudly represents the third generation of Robertsons committed to serving their community.

Their story is more than a family tree — it's a living example of the values that define our profession. It reminds us that our strength isn't just in our gear or training, but in the people who show up — day after day — with a heart for

service and a deep-rooted love for the communities they protect.

This is legacy. This is service. This is who we are.

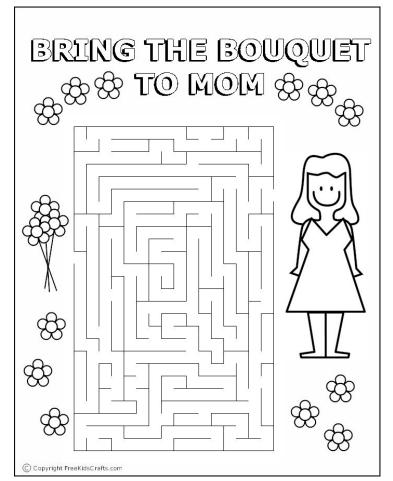
Honouring my Family Legacy

Susan Robertson





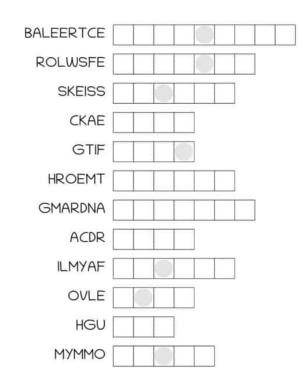






**KIDZ KORNER** 







#### REV. CHRIS'S JUNE RETREAT JUNE 20-22ND, 2025

In the midst of our whirlwind lives, have you ever felt the urge to pause and truly reconnect with what matters most? Just as Jesus took time away from the crowds to pray in solitude, we're offering you a chance to step back from the busyness and devote time to your spiritual growth.

We warmly invite you to join us at the serene **King's Fold Retreat Center** for a rejuvenating parish retreat. This is an opportunity to delve deep into your soul, to reflect, and to realign with God's path for your life. **What Awaits You:** 

• Sacred Moments of Prayer: We'll gather each morning and evening for communal prayer. These shared moments set a rhythm of peace and contemplation that anchor the retreat.

• **Reflections and Teachings:** Engage in thoughtprovoking sessions that explore the spiritual life. We'll delve into themes that help us navigate being God's children in a busy, messy world- finding sanity and serenity amidst the chaos.

• **Personal Time with God:** Beyond group activities, you'll have ample time for personal prayer and reflection. Wander through the beautiful trails, sit by a cozy fire, or simply soak in the tranquility of creation. Let nature be a canvas for your conversations with God.

• Shared Meals and Fellowship: Savor delicious meals in good company. There's something profoundly spiritual about breaking bread together, sharing stories, and building deeper connections with one another.

Life has a way of sweeping us along, days blurring into weeks, weeks into months. Before we know it, we're left wondering where the time went. This retreat is an intentional pause—a chance to refocus, recharge, and reorient your life towards what truly fulfills you.

Our goal is simple: to draw closer to God. By understanding who we are as His beloved children, we can navigate this complex world with grace, purpose, and peace. This retreat is a stepping stone on that journey—a place to rediscover your spiritual compass. When was the last time you dedicated space solely for your spiritual well-being? This is your moment. Whether you're seeking clarity, yearning for deeper faith, or simply in need of rest, this retreat offers a sanctuary for your soul.

#### **Details to Note:**

- Dates: June 20-22
- Location: King's Fold Retreat Center- Cochrane, AB

• **Registration:** Your space will be reserved upon payment (\$335), which is made to St. Leonard's Church.

• **Contact:** For any questions, please reach out to Rev. Chris Roth

We believe that this experience can be a turning point—a gentle nudge towards a more grounded and spiritually enriched life. Come, take this step with us. Let's journey together towards a closer relationship with God.



The ASCENSION of Child signals Jesus' momentous completion of His Father's WILL & WORK here on earth.





















STRAWBERRY TEA AND BAKE SALE ST. LEONARD'S ACW

SATURDAY, MAY 3rd, 2025

TTME: 1-3:00 PM

Entrance by donation



Bring a friend and enjoy tea, goodies and fellowship at our Gluten free options available. Wheelchair accessible. Annual Strawberry Tea and Bake Sale.



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St. Leonard's on the Hill Analican Church

# VBS is Coming! July 7th-11th, 2025

We once again look forward to working together with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and St. Luke's Anglican Church to offer Vacation Bible School in the Summer of 2025 (July 7th to 11th). Join us this year as we go on a Road Trip! Now is the time to be thinking (and praying!) if joining our crew for Vacation Bible School is something that might be for you! We have a lot of different positions to fill... spots for both adults and teens!



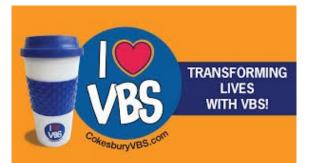
If you have a heart for our children and the children of our community and are interested in helping, please speak to Teri or Darlene at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at goodshep@telusplanet.net or by calling 403-340-1022.

**In particular**—We are looking for 2 adults who have a passion for the littlest of our Travelers, the PreK & Kindergarten kiddos. We want to do things a little different with this age group this year and need leaders who are excited to work with our littles.

The first VBS planning meeting will take place on Thursday, April 30th at 7pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the leaders of the stations (not the youth).

The following meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, May 21st at 7pm for leaders; Wednesday, June 18th at 7pm which will be a VBS working meeting (for everyone); Wednesday, June 25th at 7pm for the Junior Leaders; Then Sunday, July 6th at 12 noon to set up for the coming week.

Registration Forms will be sent out by email and printed copies will can be found in the Narthex of the Church in the upcoming weeks along with further information.







Please bring Hot or Cold, Sweet or Savoury Finger Foods to share. Come for a time of Visiting, Fun & a Game!

ACW Ladies Social Gathering Saturday, June 7th 1:00-3:00pm



# ST. LEONARD'S ON THE HILL CHURCH

Thursday, May 8th to Saturday, May 10th

Sale Times: Thursday, May 8th 2-8 pm Friday, May 9th 2-7 pm Saturday, May 10th 8 am to Noon

Donation Drop off dates:

Tuesday, May 6th 10 am to 7 pm Wednesday May 7th 2 pm to 6 pm \*\*Items for donation will NOT be accepted at the Church before the 6th of May. We will not accept mattresses, large appliances, large furniture, tv's and computers or clothing.\*\* Please ensure all items are clean and in working order. Contact Jim at 403-347-1721 to volunteer or to help



store items or for more information.

CASH ONLY | PLENTY OF PARKING | RAIN OR SHINE

